



Newark Community Project for People With A.I.D.S.

'Let us fight the virus, not each other.'

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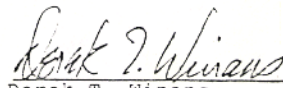
State Senator Wynona Lipman of Newark has been in the forefront of the struggle against the AIDS epidemic in our City and in the State of New Jersey for many years -- long before the issues achieved their present prominence.

I am personally aware of the fact that Senator Lipman, beginning in the early 1980's, was a lone voice in the wilderness crying out for assistance for those afflicted with the deadly disease; for those family members, co-workers, friends and neighbors affected; and for those at high risk of contracting the HIV infection.

Since our inception, Senator Lipman was an early supporter and she has remained a stalwart friend of the Newark Community Project for People With A.I.D.S. (N.C.P. for PWA's) ever since. When some former elected officials chose to ignore the dimensions of the epidemic, perhaps believing it would go away with the wave of a magic wand, Senator Lipman visited patients in hospitals, discussed needs with health care providers, and encouraged community organizations to take an active role.

We believe Senator Lipman has been in the forefront of this struggle and continues to this day to be a leader among elected officials statewide in her unrelenting and untiring efforts. Her care and compassion are all too rare indeed.

We salute the efforts of Senator Wynona Lipman in her forthright struggle against the AIDS epidemic in New Jersey and especially in Newark.


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